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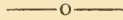
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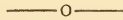
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The coming of the beast and his prophet is at hand.

The second coming of Christ: Is it of the future, or is it of the past?

The falling away from the gospel truth already at hand.

The destruction of Babylon by the beast.

The destruction of the beast: His prophet cast alive into a lake of fire, burning with brimstone.

The extermination of the human race from off the face of the earth.

The devil and satan bound for a thousand years and cast into the bottomless pit till the thousand years be fulfilled.

The reign of Christ upon the earth with his resurrected saints a thousand years. This is the first resurrection.

The resurrection of the wicked after the thousand years' reign of Christ upon the earth with his resurrected saints.

A pitched battle between the wicked resurrected spirits Gog and Magog and the saints of the beloved city: Fire from heaven destroys them.

The devil cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever.

Great white throne and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was no place found for them.

The final judgment of the wicked; death and hell; cast into the lake of fire and brimstone.

A new heaven and earth, for the first heaven and earth were passed away. There was no sea.

The foundation of the earth and the foundation of the world: Are they one and the same, or two different foundations?

When the unclean spirit was gone out of the man why was the man lost?



Some time ago, in the latter part of August, 1902, I visited the cemetery at Beallsville, Montgomery County, Maryland. While I was walking among those graves and reading the various inscriptions on the tombstones, as well as the previous reading of many inscriptions in cemeteries elsewhere, I came to the conclusion that some had gone to heaven and others are expected to after awhile, according to the inscriptions. This is a mistake, for there is no one who can enter heaven until after the day of general resurrection of the dead, for Christ's spirit after his death, as he told the thief on the cross, went to Paradise, and his body was put into a tomb. The seal thereof was sealed with the seal of the Roman government, but notwithstanding the Jews' precautions, the spirit of Christ reentered his body the third day and his body arose from the grave. He was seen by his disciples, and went in and out with them, and ate and drank with them forty days. After the forty days he ascended into heaven; so it is with his disciples. He told his disciples to follow him in the way he himself went and that they themselves knew the way. John 14: 4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Dear reader, if you are a disciple of his you know the way to heaven, and you know, too, that you are going to paradise until the first resurrection, when your soul and body are reunited; and you reign with Christ a thousand years upon this earth after the resurrection of the wicked and the judgment day into the new heaven and earth. Revelation 21: 1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no sea.

While I was there thinking and studying about the people in the graves I thought of the vision of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 37: 1-15. The Lord carried him in the spirit of the Lord unto the valley full of bones: the Lord caused me to pass by them round about, and behold there were very many in the valley, and lo they were dry. In verse 4 he is told to prophesy unto them to hear the word of God. Verse 5. I will cause breath to enter unto you and ye shall live. Verse 14 tells them that he will bring them back into their own land.

As I said before, while I was studying about the people buried there the question arose in my heart—Will the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked be at one and the same time, or at different times? When I reached home I searched the scriptures: turning to Revelation, I found at the end of the nineteenth chapter that all mankind were slain from off the face of the earth by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. There will be no one left but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and satan. In Rev. 20: 1-4 we read that satan is bound with a great chain, and is bound for a thousand years and cast into the bottomless pit, shut up and a seal set upon

him; that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled, and after that he must be loosed a little season. Verse 4. And I saw thrones and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them. This is the promise Christ made to his apostles. Matthew 19: 28. And Jesus said unto them, verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Not only to the twelve apostles, but the promise was made unto all his followers. And every one that has forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. This promise of everlasting life they will receive after the heavens and the earth pass away, and this is the promise he made to his followers, and in due time they will receive it, for he is faithful to all his promises. The first part of these promises will be fulfilled upon this earth, when Christ will set up his kingdom upon the earth. He will reign with his resurrected saints a thousand years. This is the time his saints will receive a hundredfold. They receive it before the heavens and the earth pass away. After the heavens and the earth pass away they receive everlasting life, when there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Latter part of the fourth verse of the twentieth chapter of Revelation reads: There are some who had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Those of the latter part of verse 4 are yet in our future: they are yet to be tried by anti-Christ, or the beast spoken of in Revelation 13: 16-18. Verse 16 reads: And he caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads. Verse 17. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Verse 18. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six. John, in Rev. 9: 11, gives his name in the Hebrew tongue Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon, and most of the English commentators give it as Napoleoni, the letters of which given by number will bring about the six hundred threescore and six. The first beast spoken of in the thirteenth chapter of Revelation was Napo'eoni, whose head was wounded at the battle of Waterloo. His sin of blasphemy found him out. It is said that the blood of that battle field was to the horses bridles. The first beast arose out of the sea of great commotion of politics and tumults of wars for many years. Napoleon was raised from a swineherd to be the Emperor of France, but like Pharaoh, he opposed God's people. Revelation 13: 7. And it was given unto them to make war with the saints and to overcome

them. And power was given him over all kindreds and tongues and nations. Verse 8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The second beast spoken of will no doubt be the offspring of the first, whose wound will be healed again and become a greater monarchy than it was ever before.

There is no telling what may happen in twenty-five years from now. Great things have been achieved within the last fifty years. All signs are to be seen of his near approach. Paul speaks of it in II Thessalonians 2: 2. That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. This day of Christ has reference to the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem when Christ came to execute judgment upon the ungodly Jews, because they received him not as being the promised Messiah. We will take this up and talk about it in order that you may understand. In verse 3 he says: Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed as the son of perdition. Here we find Paul speaking of two different men. The one is Christ. His day was at hand; the restoration of the Jews had been fulfilled; the remnant had been saved to the number of one hundred forty and four thousand. Revelation 7: 1-9. After that John beheld, in verse 9, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne, and before the Lamb. The destruction of the temple and Jerusalem, and the destruction of the Jews as a nation, to be scattered among all nations, could not be accomplished until the restoration of all things; the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

Paul tells us in Romans 10: 18: But I say, have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went out into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Colossians 1: 6. Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and know the grace of God in truth. And verse 23. If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister. Thus we see that the gospel of Christ was preached unto every creature under the sun before the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem. And Jesus, when he sent his disciples out to preach the gospel, said in Matthew 10: 23, But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. In Matthew 16: 28: Verily I say unto you, there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till

they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. No doubt on the day of Pentecost he came in his kingdom to endue his disciples with power for the work they had before them, for in Mark 9: 1 it is written: And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. On the day of Pentecost the disciples received the power of the spirit by condemning the Jews face to face of being the murderers of Jesus, whom they had crucified, as Peter told them in Acts 2: 36. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. We read that they were pricked at heart at the bold accusation. They saw the kingdom with power. Luke 9: 27. But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God. John 3: 5. Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3: 3. Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. Peter, in his sermon on the day of Pentecost, foretells the destruction of the Jewish nation. Acts 2: 16-20. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit, and they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come. These verses of scripture have reference to the Jewish religion, for it was darkening over sins. Christ left the temple and left it desolate unto them. John 11: 47, 48. Then gathered the chief priests and Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. Here we can see the working of mankind, as when a lot of educated fools get together they counsel together and acknowledge the truth to themselves, but in public they deny it. So with these Jews; they reasoned among themselves to the contrary for their own good; they fought Christ because they feared the Romans would take their temple and their city; but by fighting Jesus they fought their own lives, for in him alone is immortality and everlasting life. If you fight Him you fight your own self. Accept his truth; the truth shall make you free. The way of God is so plain that even the Pharisees could understand it, as much as they were opposed to truth. So it is in these days; men come together in the church and talk about the two roads but nobody can understand their teachings. So it was with

those Jews, according to verse 53: Then from that day forth they took council together for to put him to death. Luke 23: 28-31. But Jesus, turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? Christ tells the elders and the chief priests in Luke 22: 69: Hereafter ye shall see the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. These prophecies were fulfilled at the time the Jews stoned Stephen. Acts 7: 54-56. When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. So we find the prophecies of Jesus fulfilled. But the one he told the women who followed him to the place of his crucifixion, where he told them not to weep over him, for the time would come when they would call upon the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them and hide them, evidently has not been fulfilled. I have searched the New Testament for the fulfillment thereof, but no mention is made of it. No doubt when Revelation was written all those who wrote the gospels, Acts and the epistles had died before the fulfillment thereof except John, the beloved disciple whom Peter saw following. John 21: 20-23. Peter turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die. Luke 23: 30. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, fall on us; and to the hills, cover us. John is the only writer who lived to see this scripture fulfilled. He not only saw it fulfilled but saw it again in his vision; and he tells us of his coming. Revelation 1: 7. Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.

The twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew from beginning to end has references to Christ's second coming and refers especially to the judgment of the ungodly Jews. In studying this chapter a careful reading is required, for the last part is told first because the disciples asked the last part first. They came unto him to show him the building of the temple; in the second verse he tells them that that building would be destroyed; that there would not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

As he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceive you.

It is the duty of all disciples to take heed of the deceivers, for there are many in the world who claim to be teachers come from God. We should take heed of ourselves how to study God's word lest we study it unto our own condemnation.

The disciples asked their master three questions: Tell us when shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming? What shall be the sign of the end of the world? After we think of these questions we find that the second ought to have been the first, and so Christ teaches them the last part first, and the thirtieth and thirty-first verses should have been first explained to them. Verse 30. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven

His church at the day of Pentecost was ordained with great power. John 14: 18-20. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. The only sign given of the Holy Ghost being poured out was on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2: 2-4. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting and there appeared cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. They spoke with extra cloven tongues which taught them languages of different nations.

This is the sign of the Son of man in heaven according to Matthew 24: 30. And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn the tribes of Israel because the glory of God is departed from them. They see this great miracle and their house is left desolate unto them. God does not accept their sacrifices, therefore they mourn. He has forsaken them because they forsook him first. And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 21: 43. Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. This Jewish kingdom of God was under a great cloud because it was to be taken from them, as God had departed from it; therefore the coming of the Son of man means to the Jewish mind heaven or kingdom, power and glory. Power to save souls of men, because men glorified God for their great deliverance from sin and the power of Satan.

He shall send his angels (apostles and disciples) with a great sound of trumpets and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Those disciples were endowed with great knowledge of God's laws and commandments. They were men worthy to be entrusted with the oracles of God to preach them to all nations. They counted their own lives

as nothing, they suffered persecutions, afflictions, hunger, shame, cold, nakedness and even death, but they gained the victory over all their foes. The more ground they gained the darker became the religion of the Jews, (the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood,) it became darker with every step the disciples gained and their government (the moon) became more bloody with war and rumors of war. The stars fell from heaven. Many of the common people of the Jewish nation embraced the religion of the new covenant, others falling away unto the Romans. Thus it grew worse for years.

The saints looked for the return of their Lord. Even Paul looked for him to come before he should be called home. He gives a thrilling account of the coming of our Lord in I Thessalonians 4: 15-17. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Notwithstanding all these trials and troubles there is that great and notable day of the Lord to come. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.

We have seen already that the gospel was preached unto all the world. The disciples of Christ going to the four corners of the earth, gathered God's elect, which John in Revelation says numbered twelve thousand of every tribe of Israel. They were the remnant of whom he speaks. They had to be saved before the destruction of Jerusalem and the downfall of the Jewish nation. Luke 21: 20. When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Matthew 24: 15. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, stand in the holy place.

The Roman standardbearer was placed in the temple by Nero, who encompassed the city of Jerusalem and besieged it. This is the great and notable day of the Lord; his vengeance had come to pass judgment upon the ungodly, after the remnant was saved. John gives the final account of the destruction of Jerusalem, under the fifth seal: And lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair. Here the sun means the Jewish religion, and the moon, meaning their government, became as blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind, means the common people who forsook their religion. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, means the Jewish heaven, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places,

means the Jewish priests and officers belonging to their dispensation. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond man, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? This is what I understand as the New Testament's teaching of the second coming of Christ, and that the day of Christ is at hand.

We now come to another day. II Thessalonians 2: 3. Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. He first says the day of Christ is at hand, then, let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, whose day cannot come until there is first a falling away, that is, from the gospel truth.

John saw the church of Christ in its brightest glory. Revelation 12: 1. There appeared a great wonder in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, (ever changing moon), and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. But what do we see now? Revelation 17: 4-6. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication; and upon her forehead was a name written, mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. We cannot wonder at John's great admiration when he first beheld her in her great glory; and now to behold her downfall; the moon under her feet; caught to the lowest slums of the earth, given up to adultery, fornication and all uncleanness; she is torn and lacerated in pieces.

It is said that the church of Christ is torn into 144 anti-Christ churches, each different to the other. Ravenous wolves entered the church and lacerated her; not sparing the flock. Acts 20: 19-30. Paul in his bonds going to Jerusalem sent for the elders of the church at Ephesus and told them how he served the Lord with all humility of mind, with tears, and how he kept nothing back that was of profit to them. I have not shunned to declare unto you all the council of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to the flock over which the holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall

men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. So the wolves have been tearing away by pieces from the true church until instead of her we have 144 babbling denominations and none of them know what they teach. They talk at random to one another. I can count about twenty-five denominations. I know there is not one that teaches the same gospel as Christ and his apostles; they are all under a curse. Galatians 1: 8. Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel—let him be accursed.

In Revelation John warned all churches; but alas, from a little unleavened evil, unrepented, so great an evil has come; as the churches have lost all selfrespect and shame for themselves and the master is ready to spew them out of his mouth for their evil doings.

II Timothy 3: 1-7. This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts. (These false teachers go slyly into families, get the confidence and thus control the conscience and the purse of weak and wicked women.) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Ever learning from these teachers what they would have them believe and do, but never able under such teachers to know the truth of the gospel. With such teachers the earth is ever upside down. Paul tells Timothy to turn from such away. Let not their teachings affect you by any means. Christ calls them blind leaders, and if the blind lead the blind they both will fall into the ditch. II Thessalonians 3: 6. We commend you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the traditions which he received of us. II Timothy 3: 13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. We see from the teachings of God's word that man will fall away from the gospel truth and believe a lie first.

Let us look at mankind in this our day. Go to any public or private gathering and what is the conversation? It is earthly altogether. The man or woman who can tell the best yarn (lie), as they call it, is the one sought for at all times. Even ministers of the gospel, if one can tell a good yarn at the church door and keep a congregation in an uproar till the hour of service he is more popular than one who would undertake to lead a godly conversation. In short, the man who can tell the biggest lie is the one always sought for. Let us look at our ministry. What is their conversa-

tion on the public highways? Do they converse of heaven? Do they teach the gospel in their daily walk? Does their daily life and conduct show that they are followers of Christ? Is a man who continually talks about politics and the law of the country, and reads the newspapers from one week's end to the other, who seeks only those with whom he can talk on those subjects, a follower? If any one approaches them on the subject of religion they excuse themselves by saying I have a pressing engagement, and they are gone. On the other hand if you engage them in conversation on the subject and have the better of them they soon commence to make fun of you in order to ease their conscience. The laymen, or members of churches, are no better. Go all over the country into every house and you wont find one out of a hundred where they will suffer you to talk on the subject of religion, and yet the most of them are church members.

A few years ago a certain minister preached from the text Matthew 5: 20. For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and pharisees ye shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven. After he read the text he commenced talking: I don't know who is a scribe; I don't know who is a pharisee; I don't know who is a sinner; I don't know who is a christian; I don't know which way is heaven, whether it is up or down, or to the right or left. He did not know himself, yet he put himself up as a teacher of righteousness. When the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch. Those preachers come to your house to pay you a pastoral visit; what is their conversation? If you are a farmer they first inquire about your garden, your chickens, your cows, your general crops, your neighbors, the price of coal, the strikes and the candidate to be voted for. That is put down as a pastoral visit and so reported to the conference, and that ends the *vi* it. Their preaching on Sunday has a show of godliness but their Sunday preaching and daily walk do not correspond. They preach one thing in the pulpit and practice another in daily life. They preach free grace in the pulpit and follow the law all the week; but free grace and the law wont work together. They preach that we must follow Christ's example. Let us look at Christ's last day example when the ungodly Jews made him a prisoner. Luke 22: 47-51. While he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him; Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear, and Jesus answered and said, suffer ye thus far, and he touched his ear, and healed him. This is free grace: To love them that hate you; do good unto them that despitefully use you. This act of love and kindness—or, in other words, practicing

what he had taught his disciples—is encouraging to his followers. To follow in his footsteps. Let us examine those professors of religion. What would they do if a man struck them? They enter into a law suit; they say our law protects religion; we have a right to defend ourselves. Not long ago I was engaged in conversation with a Baptist minister. I held that the law and free grace did not work together; the one is contrary to the other. I quoted the scripture Matthew 5: 39. But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. I held that it is the duty of all who start on the heavenward road to keep the scripture as the master has done; for the servant is not above his master. He took the opposite stand. He said, I own this house and lot. Suppose some man came here and put a bone mill up on one side, and another put a saloon on the other side, do you suppose I would submit to such doings? I asked him what would you do? I would fight it to the last. I asked him how? With the law; our law protects us from such impostors. I asked him what would Abraham have done in his place? He did not answer me, but I told him Abraham would have gone to those neighbors and would have said, my friends, let there be no dispute between us, the country is open before us. If you will go to the right I will go to the left, or if you go to the left I will go to the right. Go and do likewise.

There are ministers who preach free grace in the pulpit, but in practice will not touch it with their little finger. Now they are trying to bring all denominations into union one with another. No doubt they will succeed in getting together all Babylon. Thus also with labor and capital. All are forming themselves into unions, and they all help the beast into his power of making man worship him, for the time is at hand. Mechanics can not get paying wages unless they join the unions. A man can not sell his own produce or property without a middle man. Thus everything is working by degrees, so that when the beast comes all he has to do is to command that everybody shall receive his mark. Paul speaks of him in II Thessalonians 2: 4: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Again in I Timothy 4: 1-3. Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. The Protestant and Baptist denominations always preach that this scripture had reference to the pope at Rome and the Catholic church. This can not be, for the pope never opposed himself

above God, but holds himself next to God. He believes in God as much as any other christian. He hopes to be saved through faith in Jesus Christ; he only forbids the marriage of the priests and nuns who consecrated themselves to God. But they are deceived. II Timothy 3: 13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. So it is with all denominations. But this man that Paul speaks of forbids the marriage altogether. Man will have to live as cattle; he wont allow any marriage at all, for he opposes God and God's laws; he is opposed to the marriage vow; what God hath joined together let no man put asunder; he opposes it because it is godly. Daniel prophesied of this man of sin. Daniel 11: 37. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any God; for he shall magnify himself above all. It is his aim to destroy all of God's commandments and abstain from meats; he has already put away to a great extent the use of wines and liquors. II Timothy 4: 3, 4. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. This is proof enough of the falling away from the faith; it has no allusion to the pope; on the contrary the beasts spoken of in Revelation 13: 11 are the enemy of the pope, and all that profess religion, for he makes war against her. Revelation 17: 16 18. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their heart to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the word of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. John, in chapter 18, gives a full account of the destruction of Babylon by the beast, who helped her to gain such power; but now he thinks himself strong enough to oppose her religion. He makes war with her. Read the whole chapter and you will see that the whole of Babylon is destroyed and that it includes all churches. At the end of the chapter there are no Christians left. All those that are left are opposed to anything that is God or Godly. Daniel 12: 7 9. I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people. All the things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. In the latter part of verse 7 Daniel prophesies of this beast when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people all these things shall be finished.

The end shall come soon after all the churches be destroyed and all faith be put away by the beast and his prophet. Christ spoke of it in Luke 18: 7, 8. Nevertheless, when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith upon the earth? And the first part of this verse reads: And shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Who are they that cry unto him day and night to avenge them? Revelation 6: 9, 11. When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held; and they cried with a loud voice, saying, how long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. Those are the first fruits of the gospel and the remnant of Israel that was saved before the destruction of Jerusalem. They were told to await the fulfillment of their brethren that should be killed as they were by the beast and his prophet because they refused to worship him and his image. And the mark in the hand or forehead we find at the end of Revelation, chapter 18. There is no more faith left on the earth; there are no more professors of religion left; they are all killed by the beast, and now in chapter 19, we find great rejoicing in heaven over the downfall of the great whore which did corrupt the earth with her fornication. Verse 7. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him, for the marriage of the lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Verse 11. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. Verses 16-20: And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains; and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army; and the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. Both were cast into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. Mention is made of the lake of fire burning with brimstone in the following passages: the one just quoted and Revelation 20: 10, 14. And the devil that

deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And death and hell (death and the grave) were cast into the lake of fire. And Revelation 21: 8—But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. This lake of fire burning with brimstone is better understood in our every day conversation as hell, a place of punishment for the wicked spirits. First I wish you to understand that the beast and false prophet in Revelation 19: 20, are the first two that are cast into the lake. Verse 20, latter part, these both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. Revelation 20: 10, And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 19: 21: And the remnant were slain with the sword and are killed from off the face of the earth. There were no seed left, as it was, at the destruction of the old world, when Noah and his family were left for seed, but now we find that there is no seed left, there is no one left but Christ and Satan. In chapter 20: 1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand. Verses 2 and 3. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent which is the devil and satan, and bound him a thousand years; and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years should be fulfilled. After that he must be loosed a little season, and shut up, and set a seal upon him, as he did upon the tombstone of Jesus. All his followers are chained with him, that he as well as his followers, should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years be fulfilled. Following the reign of Christ upon this earth a thousand years righteousness shall cover the whole earth. This Christ foretold unto the Pharisees, in Matthew 23: 24. But when the Pharisees heard it they said this fellow doth not cast out devils but by Beelzebub, the prince of the devil. Verse 25. And Jesus knew their thoughts and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. Verse 26. And if satan cast out satan, he is divided against himself; how can then his kingdom stand? Verse 27. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children (disciples) cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. Verse 28. But if I cast out devils by the spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Verse 29. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house. Verse 30. And if satan cast out satan he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom

stand? Christ here tells us of the impossibility of a kingdom to stand while the king is double minded, and his subjects or his disciples, are at varyance with one another abusing and killing one another, as we see and hear every day of some one killed by wicked hands, so is satan by destroying his own works, Babylon. Revelation 17: 5. And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abomination of the Earth. She is no doubt the Catholic Church and, she no doubt has brought forth her children of abomination, those who protested against her doctrine and came out of her and brought enough of her filthiness with them to make them abominable in the sight of God. All those churches that protested against the Mother of Harlots have turned out worse than the mother herself; therefore they are under the power and control of satan, and the beast and his false prophet will destroy them together with the Harlot. As I have said before, that at the end of chapter 18 of Revelation there would be no more faith left on the earth. Latter part of Luke 16: 8. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth. The first world, or as some call it, the first millenium was destroyed because there were not ten righteous to be found. Noah and his family numbered seven righteous and one wicked. What some call milleniums I think the Bible teaches that they are worlds. Hebrew 1: 2. By whom also he made the worlds. II Peter 2: 5. And spared not the old world. This is what I understand to be the old world from Adam to Abraham; the second from Abraham to David; the third from David until the carrying away into Babylon, and the fourth from the carrying away into Babylon until Christ. Thus we find four worlds from the creation to Christ, which embraces 4,000 years. The fifth world was from Christ to the Reformation; the sixth world to 2000 years; the seventh world the reign with his resurrected saints a thousand years upon this earth.

Revelation 20: 6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priest of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. In this verse we are taught that such as have part in the first resurrection are blessed and holy. A holy man is he who is not ashamed to teach God's word wherever he goeth, and makes it his first duty to persuade men to forsake their sins and enter the kingdom of God; a holy man is he who seeks first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and whose conversation is heavenly, whose life and conduct is Christlike, meek and lowly. Matthew 5: 5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Psalms 37: 11. But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The abundance of peace is for a thousand years. Verse 9. Evil-doers shall be cut off. Revelation 19: 21. Evil-doers are cut off from the face of the earth (verse 16.) by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but those that wait upon

the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. Revelation 20: 6. Thus we see that the old patriarch thought and believed in the Sabbath world and in the inheritance of the saints in the earth and Christ in his first sermon on the mount (Matthew 5: 5) told his disciples, Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth, Luke 22: 28-30. Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom as my father hath appointed unto me That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matthew 26: 29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my father's kingdom. Mark 14: 25. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. Luke 22: 15-18. And he said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. Thus we find, by Christ's own words, that in the kingdom he speaks of there will be eating and drinking of the fruit of the vine: such wine as is manufactured from the fruit, not adulterated with water and sugar, as it is used in the churches for communion service. In this world we are commanded to prepare for the world to come. Christ set us a good example. He eat and drank wine as he told the generation amongst whom he taught. Matthew 11: 18, 19. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, he hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, behold, a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. Wisdom is justified of her children. John was called a devil because he did not eat or drink. The Son of man was gluttonous and a winebibber because he eat and drank wine. He did not abuse it by abstaining from the use of it; neither did he teach people to abstain therefrom, but he used it in moderation and thanksgiving. If we despise God's gift in this present world we will hate it in the world to come. By Christ's own words in that kingdom he speaks of there will be eating and drinking of the fruit of the vine. Those people who educate themselves to hate the fruit of the vine do so to their own hurt; for they cannot enter into the kingdom because they hate the gift of God. Therefore, if you hate the gift of God you hate God. I Timothy 4: 3. Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. There is enough proof in this scripture of truth to convince the most skeptical being that there will be eating and drinking. Whoever fights against the use of wine and strong drink fights against their own salvation in the kingdom of God. That kingdom spok-

en of will be upon the earth, where his disciples will eat and drink at Christ's table the same as we do at our own; for after this heaven and earth passes away there will be a new heaven and a new earth and there will be no sea. Revelation 22: 1, 2. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. In the new earth and heaven there is no mention made of eating and drinking, as there is in the kingdom of God and Christ. There is in the new heaven a tree of life and a pure river for the use of the saints; but in the kingdom of God there is to be a table, and eating and drinking of the fruit of the vine. Revelation 20: 6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power. But verse 5 reads: But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. We have examined the first resurrection, and found it to be the resurrection of the righteous. In verse 5 we read: But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. Who are the rest of the dead that lived not again? This shows that those dead lived upon this earth; but they are not resurrected with those we read of in verse 4.

They were not resurrected with them because they were not righteous: they were wicked people, ungodly. Therefore, they were chained. Verse 2: Bound him a thousand years. Verse 3. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him. We thus find that the rest of the dead are shut up in the pit along with their leaders for a thousand years, and a seal set upon them that cannot be broken for a thousand years. The seal he set upon the tomb of Christ could not hold for three days. This is what Christ told the Pharisees. Matthew 12: 29. Or else how can one enter a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house. Satan has been gaining strength ever since the Reformation, when the harlot cast her young one's children of abomination off the earth, which corrupted the way of the Lord more than the mother of harlots herself. Yet the mother and her children are at war one with the other. It is this that Christ told the Pharisees. Matthew 12: 25, 26. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. And if satan cast out satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? In Revelation 18, we find that satan is dissatisfied with his own work by destroying Babylon the Great and her children, the abominations of the earth. He suffered his subjects to worship God in a hypocritical way by making Christ's command-

ment of no avail; but now he thinks himself strong enough to oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God; he sitteth in the temple showing himself that he is God. When he comes in his full power, (Revelation 13: 11) then it is that he will destroy Babylon and her children, and the Lord calls his children to come out of her, in 18: 4: Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. God's people are among those denominations. There are some who will not bow down their knees unto their abomination; but God calls them out of her, that they may flee into the wilderness. Revelation 12: 6. Where she has a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days, or about three and a half years, the length of the full reign of the beast and his prophet. He will reign as long as Christ did from baptism to his crucifixion, about three and a half years. Christ told his disciples when he told them of the destruction of Jerusalem in Matthew 24: 16. Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains. There was a place prepared by God for their protection. So it will be when the beast and his phrophet come in full power. God has prepared a place for his people in the wilderness, where they will be fed for the space of about three years and a half, the time the beast is in power. He will cause all men to have a mark either in their right hand or forehead. Revelation 13: 17. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Thus God has prepared a place for his followers in the wilderness; they will find good pasture; they will be marvelously fed as he did the children of Israel, but they will not escape his cruelty, they will become martyrs. Revelation 20: 4. I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years, but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This shows that those that are dead will also be resurrected and live again, and the second death has power upon them. We find them after the thousand years are finished, according to verse 7: And when the thousand years are expired, satan shall be loosed out of his prison. Also his subjects or followers, as in verse 5, but the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. Verse 8. And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, (those nations are his loosed or resurrected followers; for as we have seen before at the end of the 19th chapter all nations and mankind were killed off of the face of the earth; there were no seed left to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth again.) Gog and Magog, (those are the kings we read about in the Old Testament). Ezekiel 38: 2-6. Son of man, set thy face

against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords; Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands; and many people with them.

Thus we see he was strong in his day in the Old Testament time, and the children of Israel, and now in a few more years we see him again resurrected with the number of whom is as the sand on the sea, whom he gathers from the four quarters of the earth to make war with the resurrected saints. A last effort of satan: a pitched battle to gain the victory over them. Thus Gog was an accomplice of satan in the Old Testament as the beast and his prophet are in the New Testament. Rev. 19: 20. The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet. * * * These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The beast and his prophet were the first cast into hell, as it is generally understood, but the word of God calls it a lake of fire. As I said before the beast and his prophet were the first cast into the lake of fire and they were not resurrected, for they were cast alive into the lake of fire. Now we see the devil deprived of the assistance of the beast and his prophet. Gog and Magog take their places with the wicked resurrected to battle, the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Thus we see, when satan is loosed, after he is bound and imprisoned under a seal that he could not break for a thousand years, he comes out of his prison furious; his anger at being imprisoned is out of all reason; he makes a desperate effort to overcome the lamb and his bride, and now according to verse 9 they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city. No doubt he thinks he has gained his object when he thus encircled the camp and the beloved city, and when he is about to shout for joy, thinking he has gained his end, behold! horror of horrors! Fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them, with sore and desolate judgment: destroyed their power to do harm, and now, according to verse 10, the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. Here we find the words of Christ true which he spoke in Matthew 11: 29. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house. In Revelation 20: 10, we find again that Christ overpowereth satan and casts him into the lake of fire

and brimstone along with the beast and his prophet, where satan himself, as well as those whom he deceived, is punished for ever and ever. Satan being out of the way Christ goes about to destroy his house.

Verse 11. And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away, and there was found no place for them. This is different from the thrones in verse 4, which is as follows: There were thrones and judgment was given unto them. But here there is but one and him that sat on it, the earth and heaven fled away. In verse 4 judgment was given unto them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But in verse 11: And I saw a great white throne. Here is mentioned but one great white throne and him that sat on it; and he must be a great one, because from his face the earth and heaven fled away. This great one is God.

I Corinthians 15: 22-28. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order, Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end. (After the reign of Christ a thousand years on this earth then cometh the end, when he (Christ) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

As I said above in Revelation 20: 10, we find that Christ has subdued all powers and principalities and rulers of the darkness, and Satan and the beast, and his prophet, are all cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. All powers have given way unto the power and ruling of Christ, and all things are subdued unto him, under his feet, and now the Son himself is subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. Thus we find in verse 11 that the Son has delivered the kingdom to God even the Father; and now John says in verse 11, I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away. This is the end which Paul speaks of in I Corinthians: Then cometh the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father. And now the Father sitteth in a great white throne to judge the nations of the earth. And the earth and heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them because they are unclean in

his sight; therefore they disappear. Verse 12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the book according to their works and whosoever's name was written in the book of life they were not judged, for their lives are hidden in Christ. Christ is the book of life; for their works are wrought in the spirit of Christ, and where the spirit of Christ is, there is freedom. Romans 8: 1, 2. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Unto them is given life everlasting; the second death has no power over them, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. No doubt the books here referred to are the consciences of evil doers; their condemnation is written within their own hearts, for every man knows his own doings, whether good or evil. The books were opened for all the thoughts, feelings and actions of men are recorded in their hearts. Every man's heart will be expoid to all men; to read the evil doings of his neighbors, and they will be judged according to their works. Verse 18. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell (the grave) and the place of departed spirits, the bottomless pit. John's description seems rather given backward, for the sea and death and hell must have given up the dead for in verse 7 we read, And when the thousand years are expired satan shall be loosed out of his prison (the place of all departed, wicked spirits). All wicked spirits were loosed with him and were reunited with their bodies; then the sea must have delivered the dead bodies of those that died in the sea, and death and hell must have given up their dead, for in verses 8 and 9 we read, They made war against the saints. When God the Father sat on the great white throne and from whose face the earth and heaven fled, if they had not been resurrected before the earth and heaven fled, how could the sea give up the dead, and death and hell, when there were none to be found. If they had not been resurrected before they would have passed away with it. John gives his account in the way he does because he could not give two accounts at once any more than you or I can say yes and no in one word. It was necessary for him to give the account of Christ ruling over all powers and principalities and dominions and put them under his feet and to deliver the kingdom unto God, the Father. As I have said before the Son himself is subject to him that put all things under his feet, that God may be all in all, and he must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet.

I Corinthians 12: 26. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. Rev. 20: 14, 15. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found

written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Oh, that men would stop and think of what they are doing, and where they are going, for life and the second death is before them. God has made them so plainly known unto all nations and so plain that a way-faring man, though he be a fool need not err therein. All can understnad alike if they will, for he has given us the Holy Ghost to teach every one of us; and it is impossible for the Holy Ghost to teach anything but the truth.

John 8: 30-32. As he spake these words many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him; if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. Christ said to those Jews that believed on him, If ye continue in my word and do not falsify it by teaching divers and strange doctrines, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth.

If a man speaks the truth always, even to his own hurt, then ye shall know the truth. Paul when he stood on Mars' hill spoke the truth. Acts 17: 22, 23. Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, an I beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, "To the unknown God." Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. So it is now in these days, you go about and cannot but see it written upon the altars of every pulpit of every denomination, "To the unknown God." The ministers thereof preach at random; they don't know what they talk, or what they preach, or what they believe; they talk of the devil and don't know where he starts from; they talk of the foundation of the world, and they don't know what the foundation of the world is; they preach it as being the foundaion of the earth; they never ask themselves the question, Is the foundation of the earth and the foundation of the world one and the same, or are they two separate foundations? They talk of conversion as being the new birth; they talk of the church of Christ and of the resurrection; all these they talk of in the pulpit. II Timothy 3: 5, 7. They have a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. They study the Bible to find suitable texts to prove the doctrines of their different denominational churches; they make fine speeches in the pulpit but you ask them in private conversation and they cannot give you any answer to any common questions; they stare at you like a little child.

The writer of this fell in company with a Catholic priest. He opened the Bible and laid it in the priest's lap and said, Please explain this scripture, Matthew 6: 24 34. No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Did he explain it at all? No, not a word of it

because he was so superior that he could not lower himself to teach an ignorant being. All that he could get out of him was, What do you mean? I don't understand you. What do you mean? "I mean this sir. Please explain the meaning of this scripture." I don't understand what you mean; and after that he went upstairs to see one of the family and he went out of the house without saying good-bye. He had come to stay to dinner but could not face the word of God. Therefore if we show the devil God's word he will flee. James 4:7. Submit yourselves therefore unto God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. And that was the end of the priest. He had no use for God's word because he had not the word, or in other words he had not the love for the word of truth. If he had, it would have been a great pleasure to him to meet some one to reason with about the way that leads to heaven.

So it is with all ministers; they don't like to be questioned about God's word in private. Whatsoever a man loveth he likes to talk about. If a man loves God he likes to talk about his word and commandments, and likes to learn from any one, no matter how humble station he is. God is no respecter of persons and who art thou, oh man! that prefereth or esteemeth one man above another? Whatsoever a man loves he likes to talk about. If a minister loves politics better than God's word he will talk about it all the week; if he loves God's word above every thing else he will love to talk and reason with the most humble and uneducated being. Matthew 7: 20. By their fruits ye shall know them. As the man of the world likes to talk about the laws of his country, who to vote for to get better laws and better times, so the disciple of Jesus will talk about and delight himself in the laws and commandments, and meditate in them day and night. Whatever citizenship you hold, whether earthly or heavenly, you like to talk about it. II Thes. 2: 10. Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

We often hear people say I believe in such a church because it is so grand and the fashionable people go there; and another says, I like to go to such a one because they have such a grand organ; it is so nice to go there and hear such grand music; and again another says, I like such a church because my father and mother believed in it, and I was christened in it. And so you can go through them all, they like such a church from choice not from searching the word of God, and being persuaded by the word of truth, but from mere gratification of their own will, not caring anything about the will of God. John 8: 32. The truth shall make you free. What is truth? When Christ told Pilate of the truth he could not comprehend it. These are the words which passed between Christ and Pilate. John 18: 37. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear

witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

How did Christ bear witness unto the truth? By teaching and practicing what he preached. He preached the Sermon on the Mount—5, 6 and 7 chapters of Matthew—and practiced every word of it. Matt. 5: 39, 40. But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. Christ practiced every word that he spoke. They smote him on the cheek, they spit on him, they mocked him, they took his coat and cast lots for it, they crucified him, but he never resisted their will; he prayed for them that despitefully used him, he prayed for his murderers on the cross. Luke 23: 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Thus by practicing what he preached he witnessed unto the truth. If he could practice what he preached he proved to his hearers the truth of his preaching that a man could do what he advised them to do, and therefore he could tell men to follow him. Paul, Peter, John and Stephen and many other followers of Christ. Paul in writing to the Corinthians—I Epistle II. 1.—said, be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. And in writing to the Romans—9: 1.—he said: I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.

Acts 20: 18—21. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, ye know from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons. Serving the Lord in all humility of mind; and with many tears and temptations befalling me by the lying in wait of the Jews. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you and taught you publicly and from house to house. Testifying to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. II Cor. 4: 2. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. And the saints at Berea. Acts 17: 11. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, because they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. It is the duty of every follower of Christ to study the scriptures every day and to meditate upon God's ways and God's commandments. Psalms 119: 97. How love I thy law; it is my meditation all day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments, for thou hast taught

me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

It is the duty of every man and woman to study God's word prayerfully; to ask God's guidance of his holy spirit and to find out for themselves the way he has prepared for saving his own people.

I John 4: 1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Go to any place of worship; you will find a different spirit. There is but one name given under heaven whereby man can be saved, and unto that name but one doctrine is attached and that is truth. John 3: 5. Ye must be born again of water and the Spirit as Christ was. Matt. 3: 16. And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. This is the born again of water by baptism by immersion, as Christ was, and the Spirit comes after water baptism. There is no other way to enter the kingdom of God. John 10: 1, 2. Verily, verily I say unto you, he that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. Christ entered in at the door by baptism of water and the Spirit, and was the first one to be baptized of water and the Spirit. As the scriptures teach, Romans 8: 29, he is the first born of many brethren. May God help us, one and all, to follow the truth which will make us free.

In the time of the fourth beast there will be two witnesses standing before the God of the earth. Revelation 11: 3-14. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over the waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people, and kindreds, and tongues, and nations, shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And

after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men even thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. In the same time of those two witnesses there will be seven plagues. Rev. 16: 1-21. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea. And the third poured out his vial upon rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of waters say, thou art righteous, O, Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire, and men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness, and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and repented not of their deeds. And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates, and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the dragon's mouth, and out of the beast's mouth, and out of the false prophet's mouth. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of heaven, from the throne, saying, it is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cit-

ies of nations fell; and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

In this chapter John tells us of the plagues that are come to pass during the reign of the beast and his prophet. There are seven which will be sent at intervals, as they were when Moses brought the children of Israel out of Egypt. And because the Egyptians would not repent of their sins God destroyed them in the Red sea; and in Christ's time he showed many signs and wonders and miracles and cured divers diseases; such as healing the sick, the lame walked, blind ones received sight, lepers were cleansed, deaf ones heard, dead ones were raised, and the gospel was preached to poor people. But those Jews to whom the glorious gospel was preached rejected it; they would not have Christ rule over them, so he came the second time, about the year seventy after Christ, and destroyed their temple, city and nation; they will be a nation no more, forever.

So it will be when the beast comes. God will send plagues to bring them to repentance, but they will not heed his warnings, so the King of Kings and Lord of Lords will destroy them all from the face of the earth.

About a year and a half ago when I was in Montgomery County, Maryland, I became acquainted with a minister. I asked him two bible questions; one was about Matt: 12: 43-45. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and finding none. Then he says, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept and garnished. Then he goes, and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. The second was the foundation of the earth and the world. Eph. 1: 4. According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. Psalms 104: 5. Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed forever. Did he answer them or try to answer either? By no means. This is what he did, He first looked at me and then said, why do you spring up of a sudden to ask such questions? where do you get it from? I said to him, Mr., you and I are nothing but lumps of clay; and as lumps of clay we don't know anything of ourselves unless we receive knowledge from God. Only through the spirit of God by prayer, and study of his word can we come to the understanding of God's truth. He left me because he relied on his education, forgetting (I Cor. 3: 19.) that the wisdom of this world

is foolishness with God. For it is written: He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Now let us look at these two questions. The foundation of the world, or what is called the world. Christ in teaching his disciples said (John 15: 17.) These things I command you, that ye love one another. If the world hate you, ye know it hated me before it did you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own, but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. The Jews that hated Christ were those whom he had chosen and were from the Jewish nation. The Jews we know are the people who hated him and here he calls them the world. He tells his disciples if the world (the Jews) hate you ye know that it hated me before it did you. They were eye witnesses of the persecutions Christ received from wicked Jews, whom he calls the world and who at last killed him by crucifying him. After Christ sent the disciples out after the pouring out of the Holy Ghost, to gather his elect from the four winds of the earth, to preach the gospel to all the world before the end could come, they were shamefully and inconsiderately treated by those whom he called the world; and who had a foundation called the foundation of the world, and Paul says in Ephesians 1. 4: According as he has chosen us (Jews, or world) in him (in Christ) before the foundation of the world. God chose Abraham out of all the kindred of the earth and promised the land of Canaan to his seed for an inheritance when as yet he had no child, and God spake in this wise that his seed should sojourn in a strong land and that they should bring them into bondage and treat them evilly four hundred years. In course of time came Moses the deliverer, who laid the foundation of the world. He brought them out after he had showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years. This foundation John speaks of in Revelation 13: 8. And all those that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the beast) whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

John calls the foundation of the world the killing of the lamb slain at the first passover, when the children of Israel killed the lamb and sprinkled the door posts to save the firstborn. Paul, speaking of Christ's priesthood—Hebrews 9: 24-26—For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself. now to appear in the presence of God for us; nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the highpriest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. For God so loved the world (Jews) he gave his only begotten son to save them. Speaking of the sacrifice, if he had to suffer every year as the highpriest did kill the lamb from

the foundation of the world, he would often have suffered or died. No mention is made of the killing of a lamb from the foundation of the earth until Abraham offered the heifer, a she goat and a ram, all three years old. The foundation of the earth is earthly, but the foundation of the world is spiritual.

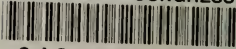
Again Paul says, But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and for the world (Jewish nation) whom he came to save, but they rejected him and would not have him rule over them. Therefore, their end was near at hand; they were destroyed in and about the year seventy. Therefore, whosoever teaches that God made promise to himself before the foundation of the world, and teaches the foundation of the earth and the world to mean the same is mistaken. There is no scripture at all to show that God made promise to himself. The promise he made was unto Abraham and his seed. The promises were made not to many, but as one was predestinated to be Christ, the Saviour of the world, but refusing to obey him he became their destroyer, the end of the world.

Matt. 12: 43. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, the man is converted; he becomes a believer in Christ Jesus; his sins are forgiven but not remitted; this man is a fit subject to be born again of water and the spirit, as Christ was himself by baptism. And Jesus when he was baptized straightway came up out of the water and lo, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended like a dove upon him. But this man, through ignorance of his own and false teachers neglected his duty and his heart was left empty unto him. He did despite unto the Spirit of God. II Peter 2: 21, 22. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his own vomit again; the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Dear Reader: I have endeavored to explain to you the scriptures to the best of my knowledge. If there should be anything which you do not comprehend, write to me, with addressed, stamped envelope, and I will gladly answer any questions, or make explanation.

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